UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 9/9/75

FROM : B. H. Cooke

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63 DALLAS, TEXAS

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Adams
1 - Mr. Gallagher
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Attached is a UPI release of 9/8/75 concerning statements of Senator Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania asking the Senate to reinvestigate the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Director asked to be advised regarding two parts of the release. The first states, "Schweiker said Ruby was an FBI informer, according to a letter Hoover wrote himself."

Concerning this, Ruby was contacted nine times by Dallas Agents in 1959 to determine his potential as a criminal informant. This was based on his position as a nightclub operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element in Dallas. He furnished no information during the contacts and the case was closed. This information was furnished to J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Warren Commission, by letter of 6/9/64, from Director Hoover.

The second part of the article the Director asked about states, "Schweiker held up a document from the Warren Commission, previously labeled top secret, which he said meant that CIA Director Allen Dulles 'acknowledged that FBI Director (J. Edgar) Hoover might lie to the Warren Commission about FBI links with Lee Harvey Oswald, even if asked by the President to answer truthfully.'"

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Regarding this, a UPI release on 11/28/74 set forth information regarding a private meeting of the Warren Commission held on 1/27/64. The information came from a transcript of the meeting that had recently been declassified and obtained by Warren Commission critic - author Harold Weisberg under the Freedom of Information Act and was published in his new book, "Whitewash IV." The transcript related to a discussion in which former CIA Director and Warren Commission member Allen W. Dulles told the other members that they had no choice

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but to accept J. Edgar Hoover's denial that Lee Harvey Oswald was ever an undercover FBI Agent. The transcript quotes Senator Richard B. Russell, who was a Warren Commission member, as commenting to Dulles, "If Oswald never had assassinated the President, or at least been charged with assassinating the President, and had been in the employ of the FBI and somebody had gone to the FBI, they would have denied he was an Agent." Dulles replied, "Oh, yes." Russell then said, "They would be the first to deny it. Your Agents would have done exactly the same thing." Dulles replied, "Exactly." Dulles added, "I would tell the President of the United States anything. Yes, I am under his control. He is my boss. I wouldn't necessarily tell anybody else, unless the President authorized me to do it." He added, "What I am getting at, I think under any circumstances, I think Mr. Hoover would say certainly he didn't have anything to do with this fellow."

ACTION: For information.